

REMARKS

Claim 18 is the only claim pending in the application. Applicant thanks the Examiner for considering Applicant's remarks of May 12, 2008 and for withdrawing the previous rejection.

Response to Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claim 18 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being allegedly anticipated by Tuchitoi et al. (US 6,633,395). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection, since Tuchitoi et al. does not teach each and every feature of claim 18. Claim 18 recites:

"A printer which receives print data from a host and prints an image corresponding to said print data, comprising:

a printing unit which executes a print job after receiving, from the host, print job data including job identification information and print data and having a job end command attached to the end thereof;

a printing cancellation unit which, during printing corresponding to received print job, in response to a printing cancellation request operation on an operating panel of the printer, halts said printing and transmits a data cancellation request with print job ID to said host, so as to cause said host to determine if a current print data corresponds to the print job ID, and to, when the current data corresponds to the job ID, halt transmission of the print data for said print job, attach said job end command to the current print job data, and transmit said job end command to said printer; and

a discarding processing unit which discards received print data inside said printer up to said job end command."

The Examiner pointed to Figs. 1 and 17-23 of Tuchitoi et al., and the corresponding text, as the reason of anticipation. Fig. 1 shows the host computer 100 and the printer 150. Tuchitoi et al. describes a print job cancellation procedure in the printer which is in response to a print job cancellation from the utility 105 in the host computer 100 (column 18, line 45 to column 20, line 46 and Figs. 17-19). According to this description, when the print job cancellation is requested from the utility 105 in the host computer 100, the information manager 160 receives a control packet for instructing the cancellation. Then, the information manager 160 transmits to the job pre-processor 153 a print job cancel signal and the object ID of the print job to be cancelled for canceling the print job, so that the job pre-processor 153 discards the corresponding print job data.

Tuchitoi et al. describes a print job cancellation procedure in the printer which is in response to a print job cancellation from the operation panel 161 in Fig. 20, *i.e.*, the cancellation button 2004 (column 20, line 47 to column 21, line 28 and Figs. 20 and 21). However, Tuchitoi et al. does not disclose “a print cancellation unit” as defined by the above claim 18. Fig. 21 shows the cancellation process for the cancellation button 2004. There is no signal exchange between the host computer and the printer.

Therefore, Tsuchitoi et al. particularly fails to disclose “a printing cancellation unit which, during printing corresponding to received print job, in response to a printing cancellation request operation on an operating panel of the printer, halts said printing and transmits a data cancellation request with print job ID to said host, so as to cause said host to determine if a current print data corresponds to the print job ID, and to, when the current data corresponds to the job ID, halt transmission of the print data for said print job, attach said job end command to the current print job data, and transmit said job end command to said printer; and a discarding

processing unit which discards received print data inside said printer up to said job end command.”

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are therefore respectfully requested.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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